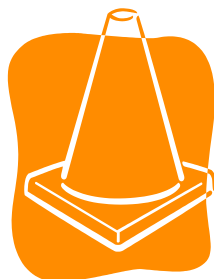


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TAMC CONE ZONE REPORT

ROAD AND LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED FOR OCT. 2 – OCT. 9

MONTEREY COUNTY – Here are the major scheduled road and lane closures for the areas between Salinas and North Monterey County from **Sunday, October 2, through Sunday, October 9 - newest information is in red.**

Highway 68 through Downtown Salinas: Begins October 2

- **The five-mile project to overlay Hwy. 68 from River Road to Work Street in Salinas will begin Sunday night, October 2.**
 - The work starting October 2 will take place between 6 pm and 7 am.
 - Up to 10-minute delays are anticipated with the daytime closures.
 - This project goes through downtown Salinas.
 - There will be reduced or no parking in this construction zone due to micro-surfacing of the pavement.

Night work on Highway 1 to Highway 68: October 2 – October 7

- Caltrans will close the Hwy 1 off ramp to Hwy 68 eastbound AND the westbound Hwy 68 connector to southbound Hwy 1 overnight from Sunday, September 25, through Thursday, September 29.
 - This closure will only be at night, between the hours of 8 p.m. and 5 a.m.
 - There will be a detour to southbound Hwy 1 via the Casa Verde off ramp.

Prunedale Improvement Project: October 2 – October 9

- **PG&E will close one lane on Echo Valley Road from Hwy 101 to Tustin Rd on Tuesday, October 4, from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm to finished pole relocation.**
 - Traffic heading toward Hwy 101 will be detoured to Tustin Rd,
 - Traffic from Hwy 101 will be allowed through.

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- **Night work from Monday, Oct. 3 – Thursday, Oct. 6, on HWY 101 at Russell and Espinosa between the hours of 7:30 p.m. and 6 a.m. will close:**
 - The left turn to Espinosa Rd from the northbound Hwy 101
 - The right turn to Russell Rd from northbound Hwy 101
 - The right turn to Espinosa Rd from southbound Hwy 101
 - Emergency responders will have access at all times.
- **Night work on HWY 101 at San Miguel Canyon on Monday, Oct. 3 – Thursday, Oct. 7 will close the following between the hours of 7:30 p.m. and 6 a.m.:**
 - One northbound lane between Tustin and San Miguel Canyon
 - The northbound on ramp at San Miguel Canyon
 - The northbound off ramp at San Miguel Canyon
- **Blackie Road remains closed from Highway 101 to Borromeo Drive for approximately two months.**
 - During construction there will be no entrance to Blackie Road from either Highway 101 or Prunedale South Road. (Please see graphic at the end of this news release.)
 - **Blackie Road at Prunedale South Road will be closed to all but emergency response vehicles.**
 - The closure is necessary to install a new box culvert that will go underneath Blackie Rd.
 - More information about this closure is available at <http://www.tamcmonterey.org>
- **The Northbound HWY 101 on and off ramps at Russell/Espinosa will be closed between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. until late September/early October, 2011.**
 - Crews will be:
 - Widening and reconstructing North Main St. from Russell Rd to 1000 feet south of the Russell Rd/Main St. intersection;
 - Working on storm drainage systems and a traffic signal; and
 - Making improvements along Russell Rd. and Harrison Rd.
 - **Work hours for this project will be from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.**
 - Flaggers will be in the area to direct traffic.
- **Cross Rd. in Prunedale is closed to through traffic for approximately six months; the road is open to residents and emergency responders.**
 - Caltrans is removing the pavement, installing several new box culverts, and making improvements along Cross Rd. and Reese Circle.
 - **Throughout this construction Cross Rd will be open for residents, but will be closed to through traffic.**
 - Detour signs will be posted throughout the area.
 - During this period Granite Construction **crews will be working from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.**

Highway 68: October 2 – October 9

- Monterey County Public Works continues its **work along HWY 68 and San Benancio, which will go on until December 2011**. This work is being done during the day; drivers should be alert. Most work will be done behind the concrete barriers that are set up, but minor delays can be expected.

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Special Events

- **Santa Cruz AIDS Project Bike Ride – October 2**
 - On Sunday, Oct. 2, the Santa Cruz AIDS Project charity ride will begin at the Santa Cruz County line, and enter various North County roads.
 - This will result in rolling closures along: McGowan Rd, Trafton Rd, Salinas Rd, Elkhorn Rd, Castroville Blvd, Collins Rd, Benson Rd, Pajaro St, Haro St, Cooper Rd, San Jon Rd, Boronda Rd, San Juan Grade Rd, various Aromas streets, and Murphy Rd. between 9am and 11am.
 - CHP will provide traffic control.
 - Details about routes and times at <http://www.scapsite.org/ride.php>
- **Rancho Cielo Youth 5K & 10K Run – October 8**
 - Run will begin at 8:55 a.m. and end at 11 a.m.
 - Route follows Old Stage Road, Natividad Road, Old Natividad Road then back to Rancho Cielo.
 - This event will require temporary road closures.
 - CHP will provide necessary traffic control, and proper signing will be installed throughout the course.

Please drive safely and exercise caution in the construction zones.

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